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GERMANTOWN COLONY MUSEUM

Located a short drive north of Minden off Interstate 20, the Germantown Colony Museum tells the story of a small group of settlers led by the Count and Countess von Leon who made their way into the isolated wilderness of north Louisiana to establish a pure Christian community, their own "kingdom of heaven." The poor count did not make it all the way, dying of yellow fever along the Red River, but his wife continued on and managed to establish a remarkable settlement that endured for the next 40 years. Members of the original families still live nearby, and the site includes several original buildings and the community cemetery.

Germantown Colony Museum

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